

June 1, 2000

Our Reference: WA-TX0110.90.R2

Ms. Linda K. Wertz, State Medicaid Director
Health and Human Services Commission
Post Office Box 13247
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Ms. Wertz:

I am pleased to inform you that Texas' amendment to its Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (HCBSW) No. 0110.90.R2 has been approved with an effective date of October 1, 1999. This HCBSW program, as authorized under the provisions of section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act, provides an array of home and community-based services as an alternative to institutionalization in an Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR). This amendment has been assigned control number 0110.90.R2.02 which should be used in all future correspondence regarding the program.

Specifically, the amendment increases the number of placements targeted for individuals leaving state schools or a campus-based unit of a state center from 300 to 463 placements. In addition, the amendment includes revised notices of right to fair hearing. These notices provide more detailed information to individuals concerning the basis for the state's denial or termination of eligibility or reduction in services.

The following estimates of utilization and cost of waiver services have been approved:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Unduplicated Recipients</u>	<u>Factor "D"</u>
2	4,621	\$46,297.66
3	4,771	\$46,736.57
4	4,771	\$47,921.13
5	4,771	\$49,135.63

For your convenience, a copy of the approved amendment is included with this correspondence. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Reeder at 214-767-4419 or his e-mail address: jreeder@hcfa.gov.

Sincerely,

James Randolph Farris, M.D.
Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations